

ACTION OF PRESIDENT AROUSES G. A. R. MEMBERS

Wilson Again Declines to Speak at Memorial Day Exercises at Arlington.

ACCEPTS FOR CONFEDERATES

Many Veterans of Blue May Not Attend Unveiling of Memorial to South's Dead.

Washington, May 24.—The Sunday Star of to-day prints the following story:

"A story full of resentment by the Grand Army of the Republic against President Wilson may come about as a consequence of his having excused himself from attending the exercises to be held at Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Day, May 30, according to statements made by G. A. R. men in Washington last night.

"The G. A. R. men began to take very much to heart the President's declaration to be present at their Memorial Day exercises as soon as they learned that the committee on arrangements for the unveiling of the monument to the Confederate dead had announced that President Wilson will be present at this latter event and speak when it takes place at Arlington National Cemetery June 1.

G. A. R. Men Disturbed

"The G. A. R. men began last night to be openly disturbed and anxious as to the President's attitude in declining the invitation of the G. A. R. and accepting that of the Confederate veterans. Dr. J. K. Gleason, commander of the Department of the Potomac of the G. A. R., informed a reporter for the Star that he intends to do everything in his power to persuade Washington Gardner, former Representative in Congress and now commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., not to make the speech he is scheduled to make at Arlington in connection with the ceremonies to be held when the Confederate monument is unveiled June 4.

Dr. Gleason said he spoke not only for a number of other G. A. R. men in Washington, and he said he was sure, for a number of other G. A. R. men who have been invited. He said that although he has been invited to be present at the Confederate exercises June 4, he does not intend personally to be present. Colonel John McElroy, commander of Post No. 2, also said he had heard a number of G. A. R. men who have been invited to be present express their intention of absenting themselves, and expected that he also would stay away.

Reunion May Be Clouded

"It seemed certain last night, judging from the statements of those who have a knowledge of the subject, and were willing to discuss it, that the great reunion of the Blue and the Gray, which had been planned for the monument unveiling exercises at Arlington June 4, will be clouded to a considerable extent by the feeling concerning the presence of G. A. R. men over the President's refusal to go to Arlington for the G. A. R. event May 30.

"It extended the invitation to President Wilson to be present at Arlington Memorial Day, Dr. Gleason said last night. 'I wrote to the White House and asked for the interview, which was granted, and with me at the time were G. H. O'Day, assistant adjutant-general, G. A. R., and E. B. Holbrook, past department commander, G. A. R. We have had at the Arlington Memorial Day exercises every one of President Wilson's predecessors. We invited him, too last year. We got no satisfaction then. He said he would see if he could make it convenient to be present, but when the time approached he went automobiling through Virginia.

"Declines Invitation.
"As a consequence of that, if I had consulted my own feelings this year, I would not have intruded upon the President this year with an invitation. But we felt that his office deserved everything we could do, and so I went to the White House, presenting a cordial invitation to be present this year. President Wilson told me he would like to go to Arlington, but in view of the condition of public affairs—Mexico—with no probability that matters would be settled before May 30, he thought it inadvisable.

"The President said he could not go to Arlington without speaking, and he could not speak without referring to current events. He said, 'This is not the time for me to have anything to say on public questions.'
"I urged upon him the fact that a great many people think it possible, some probable, that he will yet have to call on the young men of this country to help him out in Mexico. I said, 'If, by your presence at Arlington on such an occasion, you show that you are in sympathy with the G. A. R. and what it stands for, that might be an inspiration to these young men, whether you speak or not.'

"The President said, 'Yes, but you know the public is very critical, and I do not think it would be a good thing for me to speak around this time.'

"Position Not Understood.
"Now, we men of the G. A. R. feel that if the President could not go to Arlington May 30 and speak safely, how can he go June 4 and do so?

"At Arlington, after all, we do not deal with current events. Such an occasion as that we wished him to attend is merely a memorial. Consequently, we do not feel at all compromised by his action in refusing our invitation and accepting that of the Confederate veterans.

"As the matter has turned out, I shall not be present at the unveiling of the Confederate monument, and I shall make it a point to do what I deem to be my duty, and that is make every possible effort to prevent the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic from being present and participating in that unveiling. If the President is to discriminate against us, I think we should remain away from the occasion he selects upon which to show his discrimination."

GIRL QUICKLY FOLLOWS LOVER TO HIS GRAVE

She Commits Suicide After He Had Blown His Brains Out on Eve of Their Wedding Day.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Bristol, Va., May 24.—"Only when I have joined him in death will I be consoled," are the words attributed to Miss Mary Little, a pretty country girl of twenty years, who early this morning, following news of the suicide of her lover, William Riley, arose from her tear-soaked pillow at her home at Bluff City, Tenn., and, using her father's razor, cut her throat from ear to ear. She died almost instantly. Riley, who was twenty-four years old, and who was to have claimed Miss Little as his bride to-day, blew his brains out with a revolver on Saturday night soon after having placed the marriage license in the hands of the Rev. H. R. Shagle, who was to have performed the marriage ceremony. Riley left no explanation. Rumor of a suicide pact was exploded when the facts became known. Instead of the contemplated wedding, the Bluff City community will witness a double funeral to-morrow.

Campana Getting Under Way.
Harrisonburg, Va., May 24.—Already the approaching State-wide campaign is getting under way in this section. Harrisonburg, being the only wet spot in the Valley, is regarded as a storm center. Former Governor Glenn, of North Carolina, will fire an opening gun at Woodstock on May 30.

LANCASTER CIRCUIT COURT IN SESSION DURING WEEK

Jury Unable to Agree in Jones Murder Trial—Menhaden Season Opens To-day.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lancaster, Va., May 24.—The Circuit Court of Lancaster, which had been in session since last Tuesday, adjourned yesterday evening. Judge O. Gardner Tyler, of the Fourteenth Circuit, who was designated by Governor Stuart to hold this term of Lancaster court, dispatched the business before the court with great expedition. The most of the time of this session of the court was occupied with the trial of Wesley Jones, a young negro, charged with the killing of Mariana Woods, a fourteen-year-old colored girl, last August, on the eastern branch of the Corotoman River. The prisoner was represented by Thomas J. Downing and R. O. Norris, Jr., while the prosecution was conducted by Commonwealth's Attorney Frank G. Newbill and Joseph W. Chinn, Jr. After being out for several hours, the members of the jury declared that they were unable to come to any agreement, whereupon Judge Tyler discharged them. The case will be tried again at the July term of the court. It is understood the jury stood ten for conviction and two for acquittal.

The menhaden fishing season will open to-morrow. For weeks active preparations have been going on around all the fish factories in this section, and during all the past week the fishing steamers have been coming in from the marine railways, where they have been undergoing repairs. All the roads leading to these factories have been filled to-day with men going to work in the factories, and the steamers, the latter of which will start out about midnight to look for the menhaden along the seacoasts. The last two seasons were not very profitable to those engaged in this industry, and, unless the season now opening shall prove remunerative, it is feared many of the concerns will be seriously embarrassed. The running expenses of the fishing plants are very heavy, it being estimated that the two banks at Kiptank and Irvington pay out on account of the fishing plants in the vicinity of those two places about \$50,000 every week. While these concerns thus give remunerative employment to a large number of men, they withdraw from the farms of this region so many laborers that the farmers are often in sad straits to secure help in sowing and harvesting their crops. Formerly these concerns employed white men from the cities to work in the factories and the fishing steamers, but they have in recent years employed colored laborers from this section. The fishing season now opening will continue until cold weather drives the steamers from the scene.

Mrs. Emma Stringfellow, widow of the Rev. Frank Stringfellow, who was chief scout for General Robert E. Lee, is visiting relatives in Lancaster.

NEWS OF ASHLAND

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Ashland, Va., May 24.—The Ashland High School commencement exercises will be held May 25, 31 and June 1. On Friday afternoon the primary school program will be given in the school auditorium at 4:30 o'clock, after which the promotions will be announced and certificates awarded. The baccalaureate service will be preached by Rev. Henry Pfeiffer, of the Duncan Memorial Church on Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The senior class program on Monday night at 8 o'clock will be exceedingly interesting. Dr. William T. Myers, adjunct professor of English at the University of Virginia, has been secured to make the address.

Sam Minor Reed, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop and children, of Richmond, are at the Henry Clay Inn. Paul Blincoe, of Norfolk, is here visiting his sister, Miss Laura Blincoe. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Walford, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Crenshaw and Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Crenshaw and children, of Richmond, have taken the Williams cottage, on Henry Street for the summer.

Misses Emily Rogers and Elizabeth Kelly, of Richmond, were among the dancers at the hop given at the Henry Clay Inn on Friday night.

The Hearts Club was delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ellis on Friday night.

Miss Mary Hawes Tyler, of Gwathmey, has as her guest Miss Smith, of Richmond.

Tau Chapter, Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, has issued invitations for a banquet at the Henry Clay Inn on Monday, June 8. This banquet, which is given annually, is one of the chief social features during the Randolph-Macon finals.

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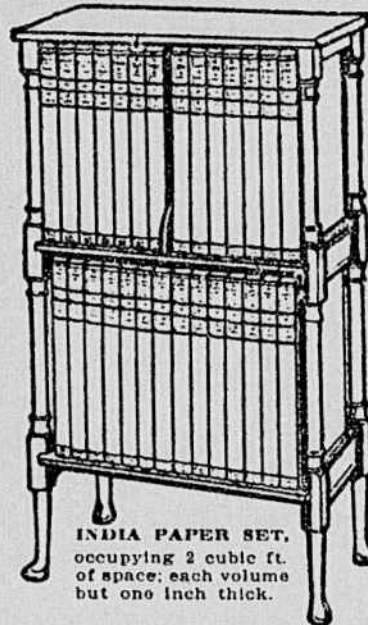
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